

**Daniel J. Adams to George Washington, February 4, 1775, Letters to Washington and Accompanying Papers. Published by the Society of the Colonial Dames of America. Edited by Stanislaus Murray Hamilton.**

**FROM MR. DANIEL JENIFER ADAMS <sup>1</sup>**

PORTBACCO Feby. 4th. 1775

HONOUR'D SIR

Since I saw you last, I have Wrote to my Uncle at Anapolis Acquainting Him of my Sisters<sup>2</sup> contending for the Land you Attach'd, He has Since Wrote to them Touching the Matter, and they are Agreed to give the Land up on conditions they can keep it this Year, as they are preparing for a Crop and has Sav'd some Considerable Quantity of Wheat, and I immagine it will make no Odds with you, as it will be too late for to Rent the Land Out by the time you can have it Condemn'd I have desir'd Mr. Stones to let the Land be condemn'd next Court, if its your desire—Lately Stromatt has brought Sute Against me for the Bond that was Forfeited at Anapolis in the Loan Office, He was the cause of the Bonds being forfeited, and convinc'd was it defended properly He coul'd not recover it, Untill the Limited time of Payment, but you to Act as you think proper, as he will have an Undoubted right to fall on the Land as soon as He Obtains a Judgement, which will be next Court if it is not defended—am

Hon. Sir Your Most Obedient and Mo. Hum: Servt. DANL J. ADAMS <sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Son of Josias Adams, of Charles County, Md., and grandson of Francis Adams, of "Trooper's Rendezous." Daniel J. Adams was major of the 7th Battalion Maryland Regulars in the Revolution. He married Anna, daughter

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of Timothy Hanson, of Kent County, Del., and died at Wilmington, Del., in 1796. He was a nephew of Daniel Jenifer.

2 Elizabeth Mason and Alma Adams.

3 In the schedule of property attached to Washington's will this land is described as 600 acres in Charles County, Md., and quoted at \$3600. In a note to this entry Washington says: "I am but little acquainted with this land, although I have once been on it. It was receiv'd (many years since) in discharge of a debt due to me from Daniel Jenifer Adams, at the value annexed thereto, and must be worth more.—It is very level, lyes near the River Potomack."